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In re application of: : CYANINE DYES AS LABELING  
Alan S. Waggoner : REAGENTS FOR DETECTION  
Serial No.: : OF BIOLOGICAL AND OTHER  
Filing Date: : MATERIALS BY LUMINESCENCE  
METHODS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the application captioned above as follows:

In the Specification:

Prior to the section entitled "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION", please add:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

Al This application is a continuation of co-pending United States application Serial No. 08/745,712, filed November 12, 1996, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. application Serial No. 07/831,759, filed September 22, 1992, now U.S. Patent No. 5,627,027, which is a continuation of U.S. application Serial No. 06/854,347, filed April 18, 1986, now abandoned.--

On page 10, line 29, delete "Serial No. 711,065, filed March 12, 1985" and substitute therefor --U.S. Patent No. 4,621,911--;